(c) Passport applications pending as on 1-5-1986 in the Passport Offices in Andhra Pradesh are:—

(i) Vijayawada 3,941

(ii) Hyderabad 7,400

Steps taken for disposal of pending applications are:—

(i) Passports are issued within a week after receipt of clear Identity verification and security verification reports from the Police authorities.

(ii) Instructions have been given to the Passport Officer to issue short-term passports in respect of passport applications which are pending for over 6 months and in respect of which clear security verification reports have been received, but Identity verification reports are awaited.

(iii) The Passport Officer has been instructed to issue periodical reminders to the concerned State Police authorities to expedite return of passport verification forms.

Establishment of atomic reactor in Andhra Pradesh

1322. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to establish an atomic reactor in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, when it is likely to be started; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (c) A final decision on the report of Site Selection Committee set up by the Department of Atomic Energy for selection of sites for locating future atomic power stations in the Southern Electricity Region, of which Andhra Pradesh is a constituent State, is yet to be taken by Government.

Grant of permission of import of SKD, CJD and other components to a local Delhi firm

1323. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have allowed a local Delhi firm to import SKD/CJD/ substantial components to enable the firm to assemble thousands of black and white TV sets;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the firm has assembled the sets for sale by a public sector corporation; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Government policy does not favour kit imports. Thus, import of all consumer goods in SKD condition and populated/loaded/stuffed Printed Circuit Boards are in Appendix 2, Part 'B' (List of Restricted items) of the Import and Export Policy 1985-88. Further, Appendix 3, Part 'A' (List of limited permissible items, raw material, components, consumables, tools and spares) of the Import policy, permits only limited quantities of kits/ sub-assemblies/modules etc; and this is essentially to facilitate initial understanding of the integration process, reverse engineering, etc. Import of discrete components is regulated in